

Interpretations of Policy 310 Faculty Duties and Responsibilities Section 310.1.14 Class Attendance and Reports (c.)

[Policy 399 Interpretation](#) provides that all questions regarding material in Policies 300-399 are to be directed to the Faculty Senate Chairperson. The Faculty Senate Chairperson shall consult with the Senate officers and Provost. The agreed-upon interpretations shall be communicated to the person or body seeking the interpretation. Listed below are agreed-upon interpretations of Handbook Policies.

Request for interpretation of 310.1.14 Class Attendance and Reports (c.).

I would like to request an official interpretation from Exec of this section of the handbook (310.1.14 c.) -- I attended a new chair training session where we were told that the University Handbook states that we cannot allow children in the classroom (for example, if you want to bring your own child to visit a class as professor, or if you want to allow a student to have their child visit one day as a guest). I have heard others interpret this as simply stating that it pertains to ISU students, and not allowing students to attend if they are not registered. I would like to request a clarification of this section.

The officers and provost agree that the Handbook section 310.1.14 (c.) refers only to students who might seek to audit a course. The Handbook language prohibits such practice. Faculty have discretion in allowing guests, including children, into the classroom, assuming their presence does not disrupt the learning environment.